BROOKGREEN GARDENS

SCULPTURE BY
ALBIN POLÁŠEK

FOREST IDYL
Brookgreen Gardens

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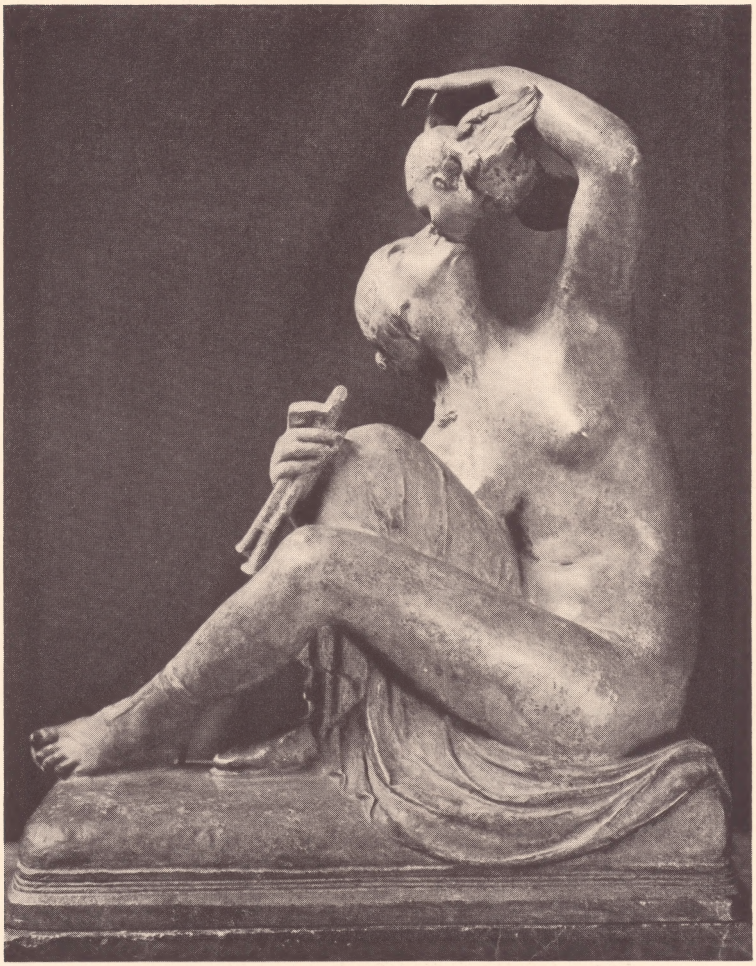
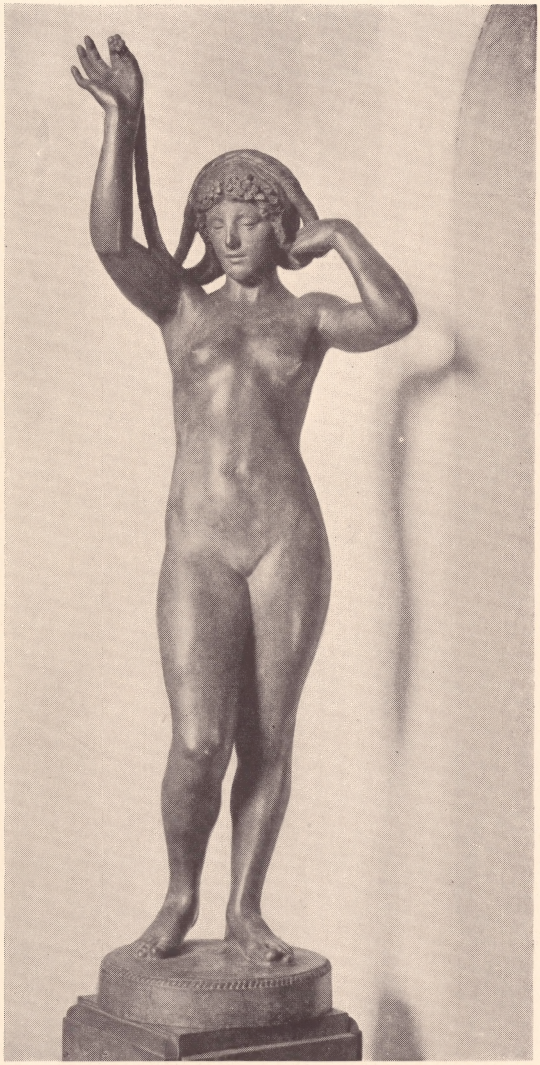
Albin Polášek was born at Frenštát in Moravia, now Czechoslovakia, on February 14th, 1879. When he came to the United States in 1901 to join his brothers, who had settled in Minnesota, he carried on his trade of wood-carving in an altar factory for three years. He then studied at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts under the instruction of Charles Grafly and won the Cresson Traveling Scholarship in 1907, 1908, and 1909. He was a fellow at the American Academy in Rome from 1910 to 1913. After three years at New York he went to Chicago, where he has been the head of the department of sculpture at the Art Institute since 1916, with an interval as professor at the American Academy in Rome in 1930 and 1931. The works of his first Roman period included *The Sower* and *The Maiden of the Roman Campagna.* Several of his statuettes are in museums, among them *Unfettered* at Chicago and *Fantasy* in The Metropolitan Museum of Art at New York. *Forest Idyl* was remodeled and enlarged from a small bronze at Rome in 1930. Memorials in the form of portrait statues are those to Governor Yates at Springfield, Illinois, and to J. G. Batterson at Hartford, Connecticut. Gifts to his native town, where Polášek often spends the summer, were heroic statues of the saints who brought Christianity to Moravia, Cyril and Methodius, and that of Radhost, a Slavonic god of harvest. The monument to Woodrow Wilson for Prague in 1928 earned for him the Order of the White Lion conferred by President Masaryk.

LIBERATION MEDAL
For Czechoslovak Republic



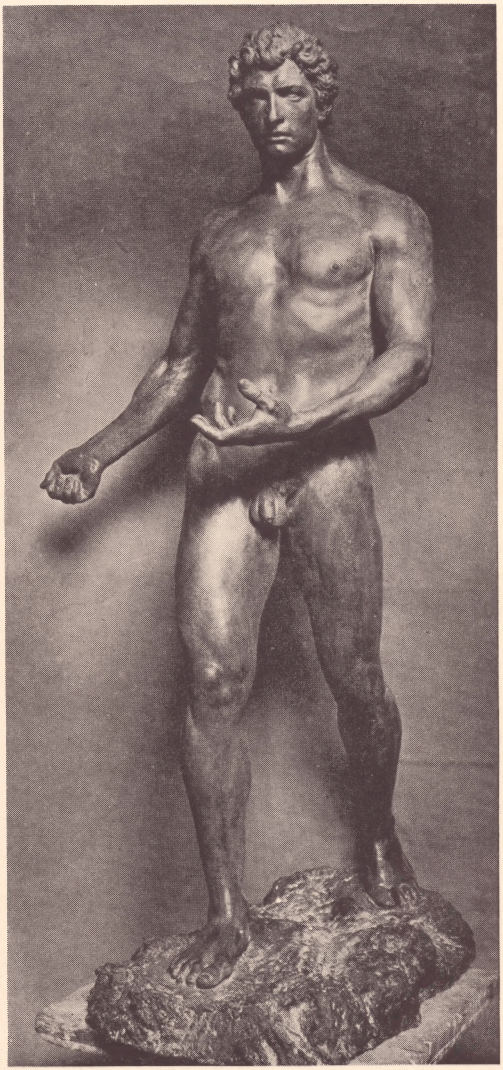
ASPIRATION

The Detroit Institute of Arts



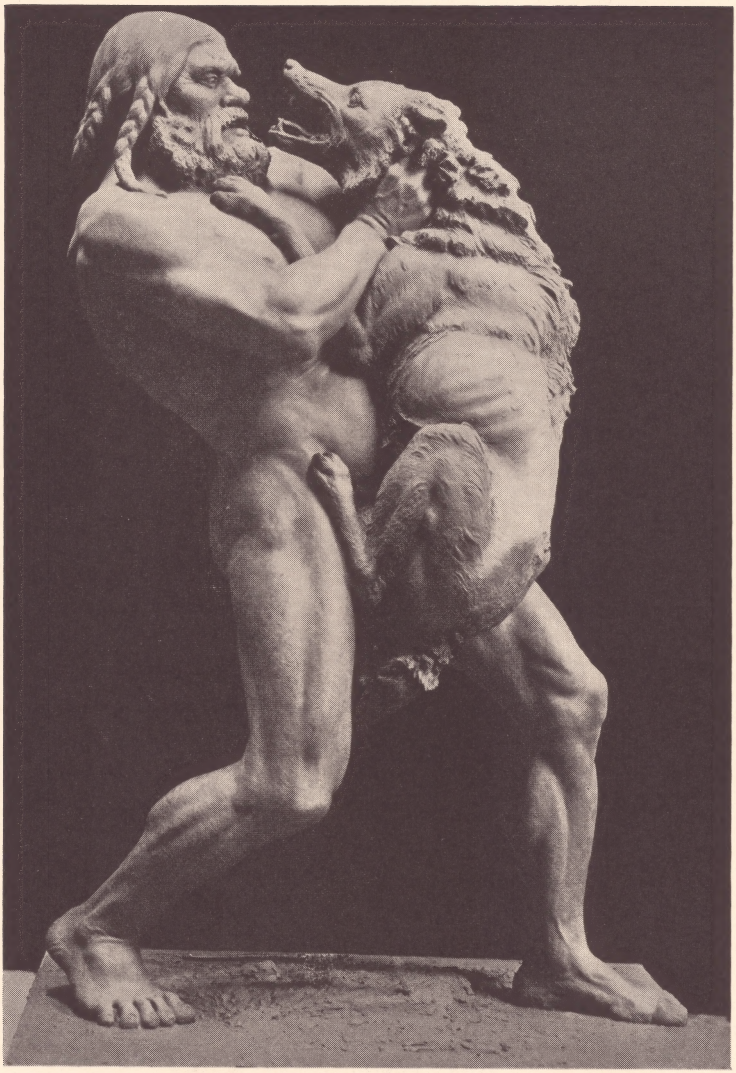
THE MAIDEN OF THE ROMAN CAMPAGNA

THEODORE THOMAS MEMORIAL
Chicago. Grant Park



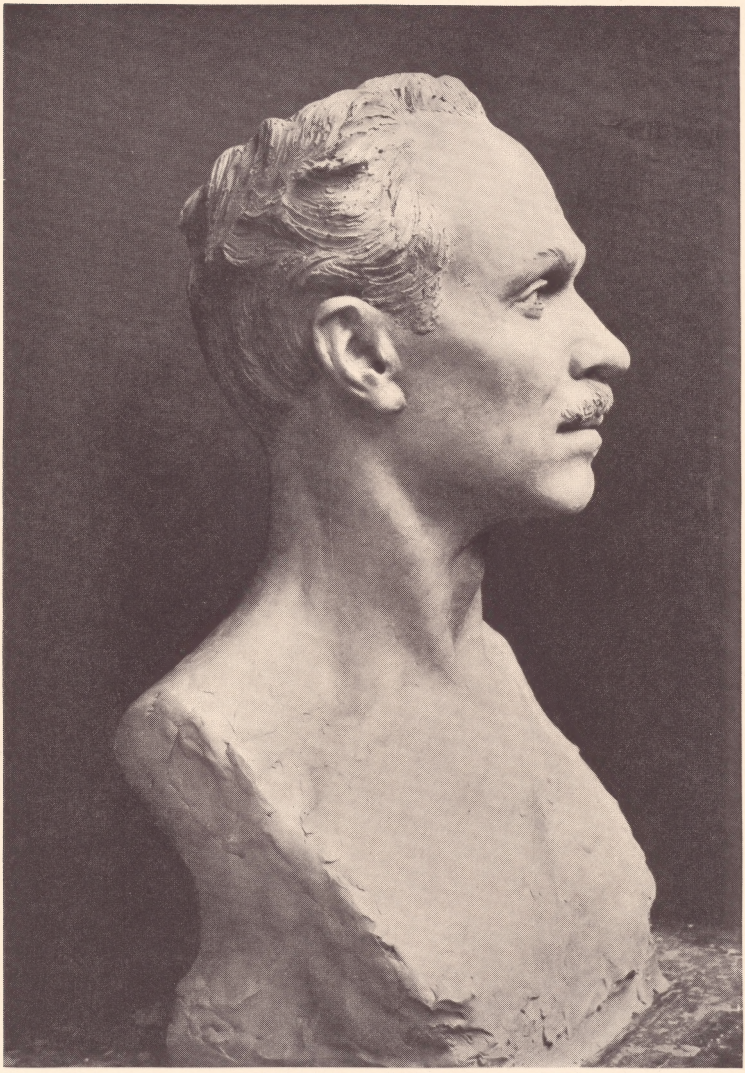
THE SOWER

Chicago. The Art Institute



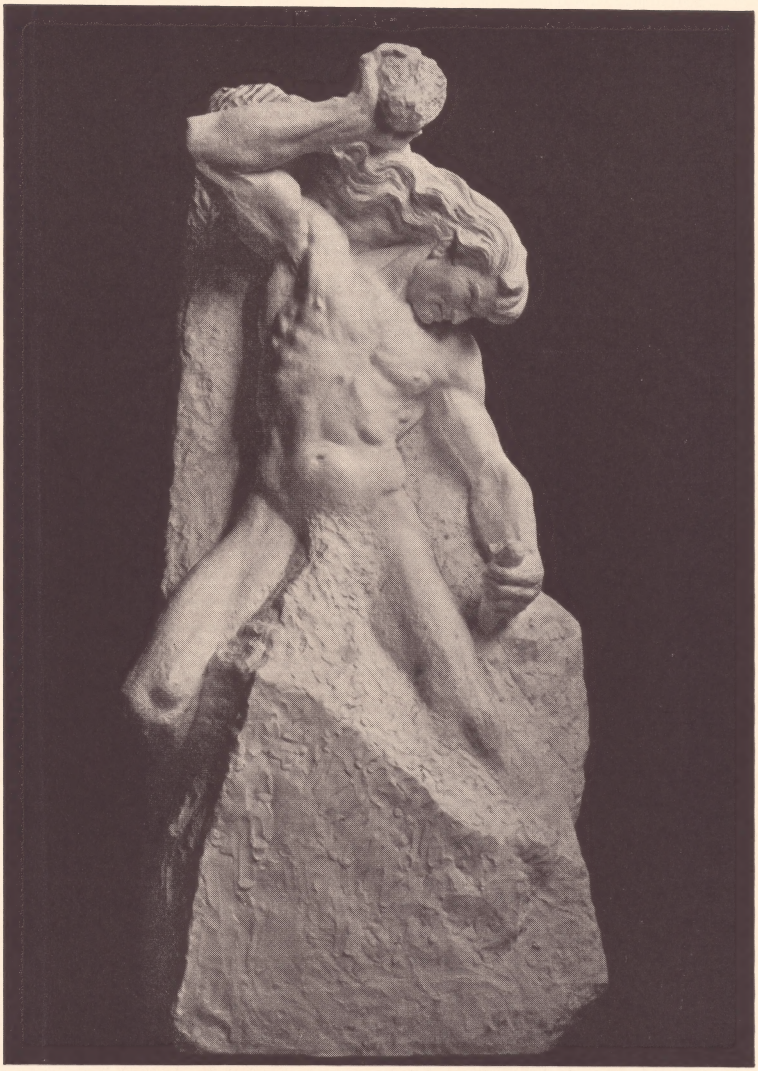
PRIMEVAL STRUGGLE

Frenštát, Czechoslovakia



PORTRAIT OF THE SCULPTOR

Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts



MAN CARVING HIS OWN DESTINY

Dallas Museum of Fine Arts

SAINT CYRIL AND SAINT METHODIUS

Frenštát, Czechoslovakia

FATHER PIERRE GIBAULT
Vincennes, Indiana

THE PILGRIM

Chicago. Bohemian National Cemetery